

STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION

STATE OF MONTANA NETWORK

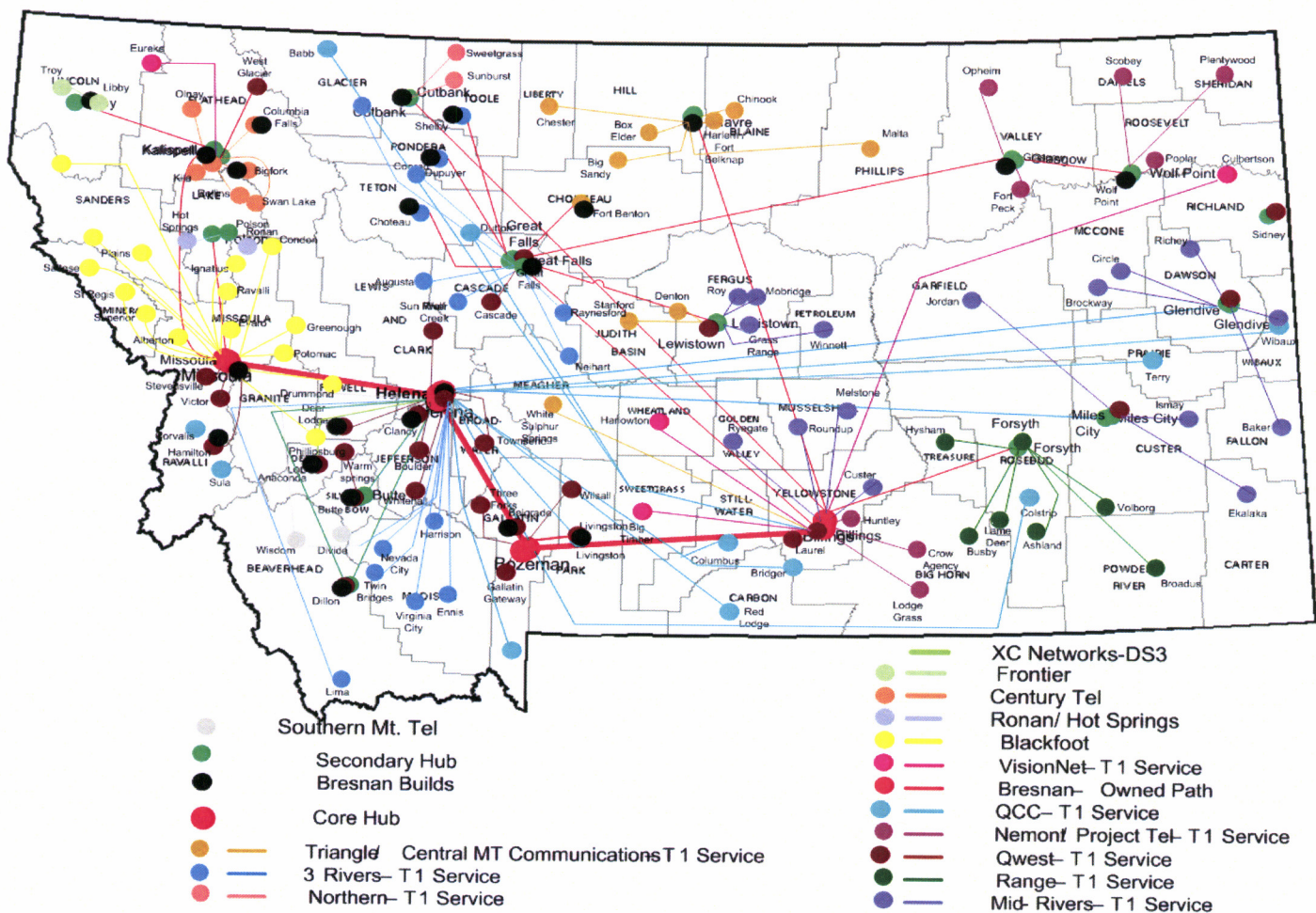
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The State of Montana does not own the government network, with the exception of the Helena capital complex and a few 100 yards in Billings. The state leases all data circuits from private industry – including almost every telecommunication provider in the state. The State of Montana Network is used by the State, the University system, and local governments and is available in all 56 county seats.

SITSD stretches each state dollar by procuring the most cost-effective networking solution from State telecom providers.

- The state purchases network services from telecom companies across the state in excess of \$4.2 million annually in addition to the core network costs referenced below.
- The core network (in red on the map) runs from Missoula to Billings through Helena and Bozeman. This main-line is being extended to the Miles City Data Center. Today we pay \$737K annually for 2.5 GB of capacity.
- Through an agreement with the University of Montana, the state core network will have 10 GB capacity at a total annual cost of \$137K, a \$600K annual savings compared with the current 2.5 GB core network.

As prescribed by 2-17-512(l)(n) MCA, the department is responsible to operate and maintain a statewide telecommunication network, however the department does not offer network services to the general public. Further the state is prohibited from competing with the private sector as an internet service provider per 2-17-602, MCA.



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